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1. EXPERTS FROM SIX CEAO MEMBER STATES HELD MEETING

IN OUAGADOUGOU 13-19 NOV. DELEGATION FROM TOGO ATTENDED AS OBSERVER. SIDIKOU OF NIGER CHAIRED SESSIONS.

2. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE WAS TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JANUARY. FOCUS WAS ON HARMONIZATION OF CUSTOMS AND STATISTICS SYSTEM WHICH IS KEY TO ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL COOPERATION TAX. AFTER SOME WRANGLING, MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE ROUGHED OUT BASIC OUTLINES WHICH WILL BE REFINED AT ANOTHER EXPERTS MEETING IN DECEMBER. OTHER COMMITTEES (AGRI-CULTURE, LIVESTOCK, TRANSPORTATION, FINANCE, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) PREPARED OPTION PAPERS FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS.

3. MEETINGS SHED SOME NEW LIGHT ON SUBJECT OF REGIONAL PARTICIPATION. IN OPENING SESSION REMARKS, SEC GEN FALL STATED THAT CEAO SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ON QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP. FALL SAID ORGANIZATION COULD BE ENLARGED THROUGH MERGER ("ADHESION") WITH OTHER COUNTRIES (UNSPECIFIED BUT MEANING PRINCIPALLY NIGERIA) OR BY EXTENDING CEAO'S OWN MEMBERSHIP. HE ADDED CEAO IS READY TO STUDY ANY PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN ORDER TO ATTAIN BASIC OBJECTIVE OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. (COMMENT: THIS IS SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM FALL'S USUAL LINE ABOUT CEAO BEING OPEN TO ANY STATE WHO APPLIES. OBSERVERS TELL US FALL HAS QUIETLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NIGERIANS ON THIS MATTER.

2. FINAL SESSION COMMUNIQUE NOTES NEXT EXPERTS SESSION WILL BE JANUARY 7-11 IN NIAMEY PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.
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